

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)

A radiation image conversion panel comprising on a support, at least one stimuable phosphor layer comprising a stimuable phosphor,

wherein the stimuable phosphor layer is a layer of vapor-deposited stimuable phosphor having a thickness of 50 μ m to 20 mm, and

the support exhibits a thermal conductivity of 0.1 to 20 W/mK, and

wherein the support is comprised of plural layers, and an uppermost layer of the plural layers exhibits a glass transition temperature of 80 to 350 °C, and a lower layer of the plural layers being a layer of carbon fiber.

Claim 2 (Original)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 1, wherein the stimuable phosphor is represented by the following formula (1):

formula (1)

$$M^1X \cdot aM^2X' \cdot bM^3X'' : eA$$

wherein M^1 is at least one alkali metal atom selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Rb and Cs; M^2 is at least one divalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Zn, Cd, Cu and Ni; M^3 is at least one trivalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Al, Ga and In; X, X' and X'' are each a halogen atom selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br and I; A is a metal atom selected from the group consisting of Eu, Tb, In, Ce, Tm, Dy, Pr, Ho, Nd, Yb, Er, Gd, Lu, Sm, Y, Tl, Na, Ag, Cu and Mg; a, b and e are each $0 \leq a < 0.5$, $0 \leq b < 0.5$ and $0 < e \leq 0.2$.

Claim 3 (Original)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 2, wherein in the formula (1), M^1 is at least one alkali metal atom selected from the group consisting of Rb and Cs.

Claim 4 (Original)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 2, wherein in the formula (1), X is a halogen atom selected from the group consisting of F, Cl and Br.

Claim 5 (Original)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 2, wherein the stimuable phosphor is represented by the following formula (2):

formula (2)

$M^1X:eA$ formula (2)

wherein M^1 , X, A and e are each the same as defined in formula (1).

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Original)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 1, wherein the support is comprised of at least one polymeric compound.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 7, wherein the polymeric compound is selected from the group consisting of polyimide, polyethylene terephthalate, paraffin, and graphite ~~and carbon fiber~~.

Claim 9 (Cancelled)

Claim 10 (Currently Amended)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 1, wherein the layer of carbon fiber is a carbon fiber plate layer, and the support is comprised of a polyimide layer, a the carbon fiber plate layer and a polyimide layer in that order.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended)

A method of preparing a radiation image conversion panel comprising on a support a stimuable phosphor layer, the method comprising:

depositing a stimuable phosphor on the support by vapor deposition to form the stimuable phosphor layer,

wherein the stimuable phosphor layer has a thickness of 50 μm to 20 mm, and

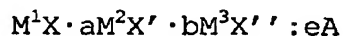
the support exhibits a thermal conductivity of 0.1 to 20 W/mK, and

wherein the support is comprised of plural layers, and an uppermost layer of the plural layers exhibits a glass transition temperature of 80 to 350 °C, and a lower layer of the plural layers being a layer of carbon fiber.

Claim 12 (Original)

The method of claim 11, wherein the stimuable phosphor is represented by the following formula (1):

formula (1)



wherein M^1 is at least one alkali metal atom selected from the group consisting of Li, Na, K, Rb and Cs; M^2 is at least one divalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of Be, Mg, Ca, Sr, Ba, Zn, Cd, Cu and Ni; M^3 is at least one trivalent metal atom selected from the group consisting of Sc, Y, La, Ce, Pr, Nd, Pm, Sm, Eu, Gd, Tb, Dy, Ho, Er, Tm, Yb, Lu, Al, Ga and In; X, X' and X'' are each a halogen atom selected from the group consisting of F, Cl, Br and I; A is a metal atom selected from the group consisting of Eu, Tb, In, Ce, Tm, Dy, Pr, Ho, Nd, Yb, Er, Gd, Lu, Sm, Y, Tl, Na, Ag, Cu and Mg; a, b and e are each $0 \leq a < 0.5$, $0 \leq b < 0.5$ and $0 < e \leq 0.2$.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 12, wherein in the formula (1), M^1 is at least one alkali metal atom selected from the group consisting of Rb and Cs.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 12, wherein in the formula (1), X is a halogen atom selected from the group consisting of F, Cl and Br.

Claim 15 (Original)

The method of claim 12, wherein the stimuable phosphor is represented by the following formula (2):

formula (2)

$M^1X:eA$

wherein M^1 , X, A and e are each the same as defined in formula (1).

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11, wherein the support is comprised of at least one polymeric compound.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended)

The method of claim 17, wherein the polymeric compound is selected from the group consisting of polyimide, polyethylene terephthalate, paraffin, and graphite ~~and carbon fiber~~.

Claim 19 (Cancelled)

Claim 20 (Currently Amended)

The method of claim 19, wherein the layer of carbon fiber is a carbon fiber plate layer and the support is comprised of a polyimide layer, a the carbon fiber plate layer and a polyimide layer in that order.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented)

The radiation image conversion panel of claim 1, wherein the uppermost layer is a polyimide layer.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented)

The method of claim 11, wherein the uppermost layer is a polyimide layer.